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DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO LONDON AND PARIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM MBFR GW
SUBJECT: GERMAN THINKING ABOUT THE ROLE OF ER WEAPONS
IN ARMS NEGOTIATIONS

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1. CONVERSATIONS HERE TODAY INDICATE THE FRG HAS NOT DEVELOPED ANY CLEAR IDEA ON HOW TO INTRODUCE OR HOW TO USE THE ER WEAPON IN ARMS NEGOTIATIONS.
2. DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER RUTH TOLD VISITING ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST THAT UNFIXED AND EVEN CONFLICTING VIEWS PREVAILED AT THE SENIOR WORKING LEVEL ON TWO ISSUES:

-- WHETHER THE ER WEAPON SHOULD EVEN BE INTRODUCED INTO MBFR.

-- IF SO, HOW.

2. GENSCHER'S PLANNING CHIEF KINKEL TOLD THE DCM AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT GENSCHER'S AND SCHMIDT'S VIEWS
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DIFFERED ON THE ER WEAPON. GENSCHER FAVORED PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT; SCHMIDT WAS LESS CERTAIN, AND UNDER MORE PRESSURE FROM HIS PARTY. KINKEL, LIKE RUTH, SAID THAT NO STUDIES HAD BEEN DONE ON HOW TO PROCEED TO INTRODUCE THE ER WEAPON INTO NEGOTIATIONS, AND HE ALSO SUGGESTED THERE MIGHT BE NO AGREEMENT ON HOW TO DO THIS.

3. THESE CONVERSATIONS REINFORCE OUR EARLIER IMPRESSION (REFTEL) THAT AT LEAST SOME SENIOR GERMAN OFFICIALS HAD ACCEPTED THE NOTION OF INTRODUCING ER WEAPONS INTO NEGOTIATIONS (A NOTION INCORPORATED INTO AN SPD CONGRESS RESOLUTION) LARGELY TO KEEP FRG OPTIONS OPEN AFTER THAT SPD CONGRESS. NOW, HOWEVER, THEY WILL NEED TO SORT OUT AMONG THEMSELVES HOW TO GO FROM HERE, KEEPING IN MIND THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST SOME INDIRECT SOVIET SIGNALS BUT NO CLEAR SOVIET POSITION.

4. WE SHALL ATTEMPT TO LEARN MORE AS GERMAN IDEAS BECOME MORE CONCRETE, BUT OUR PRELIMINARY IMPRESSION IS THAT THIS MAY NOT HAPPEN VERY FAST.

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